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The Environmental Collaborative undertook an ecological study on the Iola Campus in 2000. The purpose of this study was to delineate and describe waters of the United States that occur within the site boundaries. Also, included in the study was a vegetation and wildlife inventory to identify all plant and animal species, including the possibility of rare species. The following is a brief summary of the report findings. A completed copy of this report is available for review upon request.

- **Wetlands**

The field investigation confirmed the presence of several small wetlands totaling 0.18 acres and intermittent streams on the site. These wetlands meet the three wetland requirements of wetland vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology as defined by the Corps.

- **Plant and Animal Species**

Six vegetation community types were identified and mapped on the site. All of these community types are considered common throughout New York State. Field investigation and agency information showed there are no species occurring on or adjacent to the site that are listed as endangered, threatened, rare or of special concern. In addition, none of the vegetation community types identified on the site are classified as significant.